Patent Attorney's Docket No. <u>000515-238</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Pate	nt Application of								
Arie BES	EMER et al.	Group Art Unit: 3761							
Application	on No.: 10/071,082	Examiner: Unassigned							
Filed: Fe	ebruary 11, 2002	Confirmation No.: 1948							
For: A	BSORBENT ARTICLE	Confirmation No.: 1948 PECHNOLOGY CENTER PROTOGO ANSMITTAL LETTER							
AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER									
	Commissioner for Patents on, D.C. 20231								
Sir:									
Enclo	osed is a Preliminary Amendment for the a	bove-identified patent application.							
[]	A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.								
[]	A Terminal Disclaimer and the [] \$55.00 (2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.								
[]	Also enclosed is/are								
[]	Small entity status is hereby claimed.	Small entity status is hereby claimed.							
[]	Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$375.00 (2801) [] \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).								
	[] Applicant(s) previously submitted requested.	_, on, for which continued examination is							
[]	Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.								
[]	A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.								
[X]	No additional claim fee is required.								

[] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS							
	No. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE		
Total Claims		MINUS =.		× \$18.00 (1202) =			
Independent Claims		MINUS =		× \$84.00 (1201) =			
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)							
Total Amendment Fee							
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee							
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT							

L	J	A claim fee in the ar	nount of \$	is enclosed.
[]	Charge \$	to Deposit Account No	o. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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